Construction of Airport at Bhuj (Gujarat)

2009. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat has given a land three years ago to the Airports Authority of India at Bhuj for construction of domestic Air Port Building, Taxi Stand and for other meaningful use;

(b) whether it is also a fact that forty-five acres of land have been given and at present it is in the possession of the Airports Authority of India;

(c) the details of amount which has been spent on it for the development of the land; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has given this land to the Authority free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As against the total requirement of 47 acres of land, the State Government had given 42.18 acres of land, free of cost, to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI plans to construct a new modern terminal building, civil apron, taxi track and boundary wall at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.50 crores. The work on construction of boundary wall has commenced. Tendering for other works is in progress.

Modernisation of Bhubaneshwar Airport

2010. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise and expand some domestic airports in the country;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether Bhubaneshwar Airport (Biju Patnaik Airport) is also being modernised and expanded; and